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FPPC Enforcement Decisions: June 5, 2003

The following are enforcement decisions approved by the Fair Political Practices Commission at its regular monthly meeting held in Sacramento on June 5, 2003. Decisions are divided by category and include brief summaries of each case and the amount of the fines.

Additional information on each of the enforcement cases below can be found in the current agenda on the FPPC Web site at www.fppc.ca.gov. FPPC agendas are distributed and posted on the agency Web site 10 days prior to each monthly meeting.

The Web version of the agenda includes links to the stipulations agreed to by the commission, and by the individuals and organizations subject to the fines, or the default decisions ordered by the commission.

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Conflict of Interest Violations

Elihu Harris, FPPC No. 98/271.

Staff: Commission Counsel William Lenkeit and Julia Bilaver, and Supervising Investigator Sue Straine.

As the mayor of the City of Oakland, Elihu Harris made a governmental decision in which he had a financial interest, by appointing his spouse to the Oakland Port Commission, in violation of Government Code 87100 (1 count). **\$2,000 fine.**

Lobbying Violations

Western Alliance of Farmworker Advocates, Inc., FPPC No. 01/560.

Staff: Commission Counsel Julia Bilaver and Investigator Charlie Bilyeu.

Western Alliance of Farmworker Advocates, Inc. of Santa Rosa, a nonprofit public benefit corporation and a registered lobbyist employer, failed to timely file 12 paper lobbyist employer reports, in violation of Government Code section 86117, subdivision (a), and failure to timely file four electronic lobbyist employer reports, in violation of Government Code section 84605(d) (16 counts). **\$22,000 fine.**

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Campaign Reporting Violations**Robert Kudler and K&W Aviation, FPPC No. 01/443.**

Staff: Commission Counsel Steven Meinrath and Investigator III Sandra Buckner.

Robert Kudler, sole owner of K&W Aviation of Lynwood, made independent expenditures with funds from K&W Aviation, in support of a slate of four candidates running for Lynwood City Council. Kudler failed to report late independent expenditures, in violation of Government Code section 84204 (5 counts), failed to file a semi-annual campaign statement report, in violation of Government Code section 84200(b) (1 count), and failed to maintain required campaign records, in violation of Government Code section 84104 (1 count). **\$12,000 fine.**

L.A. City and County School Employees Union, Local 99 C.O.P.E. and Janett Humphries, FPPC No. 01/187.

Staff: Commission Counsel Jennie Eddy and Investigator III Dan Schek.

Los Angeles City and County School Employees Union, Local 99 Council On Political Education (C.O.P.E.) was a state general purpose recipient committee sponsored by the L.A. City and County School Employees Union, Local 99. Janett L. Humphries was the treasurer for the committee. Respondents failed to timely disclose seven late independent expenditures in properly filed late independent expenditure reports, in violation of Section 84204(a) (7 counts); failed to timely file a supplemental independent expenditure report, in violation of Section 84203.5(a) (1 count); failed to disclose contributions of \$100 or more on a pre-election campaign statement, in violation of Section 84211 (1 count); and failed to disclose a late contribution in a properly filed late contribution report, in violation of Section 84203(a) (1 count). **\$5,500 fine.**

Gordon A. Galvan and the Committee to Elect Gordon Galvan, FPPC No. 00/670.

Staff: Commission Counsel Jennie Eddy.

Gordon A. Galvan is a former San Leandro City Council member. The Committee to Elect Gordon Galvan was the controlled committee of Galvan. Respondents committed 10 violations of the Act by: failing to disclose contributions during a semi-annual reporting period, in violation of Section 84211(f) (1 count); failing to disclose expenditures for two pre-election reporting periods and two semi-annual reporting periods, in violation of Section 84211(j)(5) (4 counts); failing to disclose two late contributions, in violation of Section 84203(a) (2 counts); and failing to keep required campaign records necessary to prepare three campaign statements, in violation of Section 84104 (3 counts). **\$11,250 fine.**

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SEI Violations**Julie Lopez Dad, FPPC No. 01/474.**

Staff: Senior Commission Counsel Melodee A. Mathay and Investigator III Dan Schek.

Julie Lopez Dad, a member of the Planning Commission for the City of Santa Monica, failed to timely file her 2000 annual Statement of Economic Interests, in violation of Government Code section 87203 (1 count). **\$1,000 fine.**

Maria Villasenor, FPPC No. 02/403.

Staff: Commission Counsel Jeffery A. Sly and SEI Coordinator Mary Ann Kvasager.

Maria Villasenor, a member of the Civic Arts Commission for the City of Berkeley, failed to timely file a 2001 annual Statement of Economic Interests, in violation of Government Code section 87300 (1 count). **\$200 fine.**

Ronald Puls, FPPC No. 02/440.

Staff: Commission Counsel Jeffery A. Sly and SEI Coordinator Mary Ann Kvasager.

Ronald Puls, a member of the Housing and Redevelopment Commission for the City of Vallejo, failed to timely file a 2001 annual Statement of Economic Interests, in violation of Government Code section 87300 (1 count). **\$200 fine.**

Derek Rhody, FPPC No. 02/544.

Staff: Commission Counsel Jeffery A. Sly and SEI Coordinator Mary Ann Kvasager.

Derek Rhody, a member of the California Rice Commission, failed to timely file a 2001 annual Statement of Economic Interests, in violation of Government Code section 87300 (1 count). **\$200 fine.**

Cynthia Crann, FPPC No. 02/370.

Staff: Commission Counsel Jeffery A. Sly and SEI Coordinator Mary Ann Kvasager.

Cynthia Crann, a director on the Westport County Water Board for the County of Mendocino, failed to timely file a 2001 annual Statement of Economic Interests, in violation of Government Code section 87300 (1 count). **\$200 fine.**

Michael Rue, FPPC No. 02/543.

Staff: Commission Counsel Jeffery A. Sly and SEI Coordinator Mary Ann Kvasager.

Michael Rue, a member of the California Rice Commission, failed to timely file a 2001 annual Statement of Economic Interests, in violation of Government Code section 87300 (1 count). **\$300 fine.**

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